Kandiyohi Power Coop

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WATT'S UP

We are excited to announce our upcoming Watt's Up on October 3rd! Watt's Up is the perfect opportunity to connect and share with other members, KPC staff and Board members in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Here's what you can look forward to: meet and greet with KPC staff and Board members, engaging conversations, learn about our products and services, a chance to meet new members and catch up with your neighbors, light refreshments, plenty of smiles, and door prizes. Share what you would like to learn about at future Watt's Up gatherings.

Save the Date

When: October 3rd from 3-5pm Where: Kandiyohi Civic Center

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. We can't wait to see you there!



LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS OFFER GRID MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY, SAVINGS

More than 370,000 appliances owned by cooperative members like you are playing a role in managing the reliability of the regional electric grid and saving the entire membership money at the same time.

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and the other 26 member-owner cooperatives that receive wholesale electric power from Great River Energy offer voluntary programs that empower members to use the grid efficiently and economically by reducing demand during periods of stress and shifting energy consumption to off-peak times.

By choosing to enroll an electric vehicle or an electric appliance, such as a water heater or air conditioner, into one of your cooperative's "load management" programs, you are helping keep electricity reliable and affordable.

KPC provides two ways for its members to make contributions toward helping manage the grid while receiving credits or other incentives for their participation: 1) interruptible programs and 2) off-peak programs.

Using the example of an electric water heater, a member who enrolls this home appliance into an interruptible program gives permission for their cooperative to pause service to the water heater to eliminate the load from the system for up to eight hours when wholesale energy market prices are high.

"This strategy helps reduce our monthly billing peak," said Dan Tepfer, Energy Management. "Water heaters enrolled in this program do have sufficient storage capacity to supply hot water over the peak period while service is paused so members aren't left in the cold."



Michele Scheffler, Member Services and Communications Manager

Members are also not caught off guard during times of interruption. Participants can check on control events through KPC's Facebook page and have access to a website that shares the schedule up to a day in advance.

This strategy is employed mostly to avoid high wholesale energy prices and to reduce the monthly billing peak of Great River Energy's member-owner cooperatives. Participants experienced 40 pauses to their water heater service in 2023 according to data provided by Great River Energy.

If you are interested in the off-peak program, your water heater is "charged" overnight with sufficient storage capacity to supply your home's hot water needs. Members can receive a monthly credit for their participation in the off-peak program.

Program participants can expect their water heaters to recharge for eight hours, typically between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. during the winter season and 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. in summer. This strategy only applies to weekdays, excluding weekends and holidays unless billing peak control is needed.

"Participation in this program helps provide significant economic relief to the overall membership by shifting load to the overnight hours, resulting in more favorable rates," said Ryan Nelson, CEO. "This also helps us defer wholesale energy purchases to off-peak hours that would otherwise cost more to purchase during on-peak hours."

Contact KPC at 800-551-4951 or contactus@kpcoop.com for more information on our load management programs and how you can get enrolled.



SUMMER PARADES

It was great to see everyone at the Spicer Parade and the New London Parade. Thanks for coming out!



OPERATION ROUND UP BOARD OPENING

ORU is a volunteer community support program. It is designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities throughout our area. It's people helping people. The ORU Board Members review grant applications at a quarterly meeting to determine grant award amounts. This nine-member board has an open seat in District 3. If you are interested in serving on the board and helping your local community, please email contactus@kpcoop.com or call 800-551-4951 for more information.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE TIME OF USE RATE



Are you aware of our Electric Vehicle (EV) Time of Use (TOU) Pilot program? This voluntary TOU rate is designed to incentivize EV owners to charge their vehicles during times of lower electricity demand. Participants will be charged \$0.074 per kWh during off-peak hours and \$0.334 per kWh during peak hours.

For those interested in discovering more about the EV TOU pilot, including program details and how to enroll, please reach out to us at 800-551-4951 or via email at contactus@kpcoop.com.



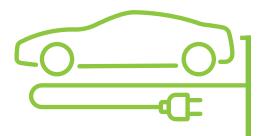
MEMBER APPRECIATION STINGER'S GAME



We're grateful to all who joined us for our Member Appreciation Stinger's Baseball game. It was a perfect evening for enjoying America's favorite pastime! Your participation made the event memorable, and we hope you enjoyed the game as much as we enjoyed hosting you. Thank you for being a valued KPC Member!

DO YOU HAVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE? LET US KNOW!

If you own or plan to purchase an EV, please let us know so we can better serve you. As members buy EVs, it's helpful to know where



they are located in our area, so we can ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to meet charging needs and provide reliable electricity to all our members.

Making the switch to an EV is a big decision. Whether you're ready to purchase an EV or just wondering if an EV can meet your needs, we're here to help you make an informed decision. We have programs available to save while you charge, give us a call at 800-551-4951 or email contactus@kpcoop.com for more information.

KPC ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS MANAGER PREPARES FOR THE EUTURE

James Pachan graduates from the **Management Internship Program**



James Pachan Engineering and **Operations Manager**

Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's Engineering and Operations Manager James Pachan has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin, - Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

James is one of only a few electric utility Engineering and Operations Managers that will graduate from the Management Internship Program this year.

MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

By also covering unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program helps the co-op analyze other business ventures it may want to enter as well as enhancing the core organization.

Only rural electric cooperatives CEOs and top-level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study on management and leadership challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants focus on member value as part of day-to-day decision making.

James has completed one of the most exclusive management development programs in the nation for electric cooperatives.



BUDGET BILLING

Budget amounts are printed on your August bill for the coming year. Interested in signing up for Budget Billing? Call our office for additional information or to sign up at 800-551-4951.



July's \$25 Winner: Corey Jerzak

Enroll in our Auto Pay program to be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$25.00 bill credit. Save time and money! Must be on Auto Pay to be eligible to win. You can also select email as your only delivery option. You will then receive an email instead of a paper bill when your bill is ready for payment.





The Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting. There were eight directors present. Chairman, Dale Anderson called the meeting to order.

Additions made to the regular agenda:

- CEO Evaluation & Meeting Dates.
- CEO Report
- IIJA Consortium, Topic 3 Update.
- Federated Rural Electric Insurance annual assessment recap.
- LM changeout update.
- GRE strategic plan recap.
- Electronic voting project information.
- Member Services/Communications
- Stingers member appreciation game recap.
- Rate revisions.
- Insights & Analytics.
- Autopay metrics.
- Engineering Report
- Services and projects update.
- Grant updates.

- Large scale wind potential project update. - Evaluation of engineering software.
- Neutral to earth voltage update.
- Employee safety update.
- Future equipment purchase approval.
- Finance Report
- Review of financials for June. - Financial statement reporting tool training.
- Annual Meeting Date
- Operation RoundUp Update
- Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

NRECA Voting Delegate

CEO Evaluation

Meeting Date Change

- Roundtable Discussion
 - Great River Energy (GRE),
 - Director's Report by Chair Anderson

- Crow Wing Power Withdrawal Motions made and approved by the Board:

- Regular Agenda.
- June Meeting Minutes with correction.
- Revisions to the following Rates:
 - Rate 20 Commercial Demand & Energy.
 - Rate 200FF Commercial Demand & Energy
 - Rate 23 Commercial High Load Factor
 - Rate 230FF Commercial High Load Factor
 - Rate NCON
- Rate NGEN
- Rate NCONO
- Rate NGENO
- Rate 34, 34ST & 34CL
- Rate 34-EV Electric Vehicle Charging Rate
- PO approval for a 2026 budget item.
- Approval of one July write-off.
- Approval of Annual Meeting Date for 2025.
- Approval of Vice Chair Post and Director Fostervold to attend the NRECA Region 5 & 6 Meeting.
- Approval to schedule Board and CEO evaluation with Debra Englund now and a board evaluation with CFC at the start of 2025.
- Approval of the resolution regarding Crow Wing's exit from GRE.
- Adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned- Next regular board meeting is August 26, 2024.

- EPRI advisory board seat. - Transformer loading project update.



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Larry Powers - 320-212-7960	1
Dan Pomranke - 320-894-7113	2
Todd Post, VC - 320-212-1119	2
Stan Wubben, Secretary - 320-905-8325	2
Kelly Erickson - 320-894-2930	3
Diane Helgeson - 320-220-3745	3
Darrell Fostervold - 320-212-4824	3

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Michele Scheffler, Editor

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When your lights go out, so do we.

Call us if your power goes out even if you think your neighbors already did. Leave one light on so you know when power has been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

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The Cooperative will attempt to furnish continuous service but will not guarantee uninterrupted service.

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ASHP Rebate Promotional Special

Take advantage of these hot promo rebates when you install a qualifying, energy-saving air source heat pump!



Air source heat pumps are a high efficiency heating system. By switching to air source heat pumps, you can reduce your energy bills as you'll be using the outside air for your heating and cooling needs. If you are considering installing an air source heat pump, take advantage of these rebates!

Equipment must be purchased and installed in May, June, July or August 2024.

Ducted ASHP	Promotional Rebate
≥ 14.3 SEER2 & ≥7.5 HSPF2	\$600.00
≥ 15.2 SEER2 & ≥ 8.1 HSPF2	\$900.00
*≤ 5 ton & Quality installation required	

Ductless ASHP	Promotional Rebate
Delivered Fuels	\$400.00
Electric Heat	\$600.00
Efficency Requirments: >1 ton & > 14 3 SEER2 & >7 5 HSPE2	

Limited funds are available and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and programs are subject to change without notice.

